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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2000 (Paper No. 12). Please amend the application as follows:

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